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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- I. Claim 2, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a control unit which controls driving of the vertical crack forming member and the control unit drives the impact force applying means when the blade is positioned in the vicinity of a passing point.
- II. Claim 3, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a heating means with a servo mechanism that detects a change in the height of the surface and adjusts the focal point of a laser, and includes a laser beam oscillator which is adjusted in response to a detection.
- III. Claim 4, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a cooling means that move in conjunction with the vertical crack forming member.
- IV. Claim 6, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having adjustable arrangement movement means, such that the

vertical crack forming member, the heating means and the cooling means can change position relative to one another.

- V. Claim 7, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a cooling means with a servo mechanism that adjusts the height thereof.
- VI. Claim 8, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a glass cutter with a 'rollable' wheel tip.
- VII. Claim 9, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a predetermined laser beam oscillator.
- VIII. Claim 10, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having a cooling means comprising a nozzle and a cooling medium released therefrom.
- IX. Claim 11, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having an armature that generates movement inertia for pressing the blade against the surface of the substrate including a solenoid switch.
- X. Claim 12, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having either a laser displacement gauge or a contact displacement gauge.
- XI. Claim 13, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming apparatus having the brittle substrate be only an LCD, a glass for plasma display or a Glass for organic EL display.

XII. Claims 14 and 15, drawn to the special technical feature: a scribe line forming method including the steps of making a vertical crack forming member move on a substrate forming an irradiation area and a cooling area.

2. It has been determined that claims 1 and 5 do not have a special technical feature, claims 1 and 5 will be examined with the elected group. See 37 CFR 1.476 d. If claim 1 is later allowed, claims dependent therefrom will be rejoined.

3. The inventions listed as Groups I-XI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: as seen above, each pair of groups contains a feature not found in the other groups, which is a special technical feature, and which may be relied upon in a determination of patentability. As such they are separately patentable and should not be considered the same invention, as evidenced by their clear distinctions between each group.

Conclusion

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean M. Michalski whose telephone number is 571-272-6752. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30AM - 3:30PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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